

MAY TIE UP SKYSCRAPERS

Strike of the Building Material Drivers Likely to Stop Work on All the Great Structures.

100,000 WORKMEN INVOLVED.

Manufacturers of Lumber and Brick Declare They Are in for a Finish Fight and Will Never Surrender.

The building trades unions and their employers are locked in what promises to be a death struggle as a result of what seemed at first the insignificant strike of the building material drivers. Believing that strike to be the final effort to fasten on them the domination of the unions the lumber and brick men, with supply half of the building material used in New York, have closed their yards, locked out their men and shut off all supplies of building material. Unless this deadlock be broken soon paralysis of all building in New York will result. One hundred thousand men in the building trades will be idle in New York within a week.

Buildings that are to cost many millions will stop, if the lockout continues, in midair, so to speak.

That condition of affairs may last all summer if the two sides to the controversy keep in their present temper.

A Fight to a Finish.

The manufacturers do not hesitate to say that they mean to fight this effort of the unions to control the building trades to a finish.

J. D. Cray, Secretary of the New York Lumber Trade Association—the lumbermen's organization—said to-day: "Our action will result in stopping practically all building in New York as soon as the supplies now at the buildings run out. We can only wait and test the strength of this labor organization."

Against these handlers of building materials is pitted the entire strength of the United Board of Building Trades, the most powerful labor confederation in New York.

The Board formally informed the drivers' strike at its weekly meeting. Its leaders were astonished by the lockout that immediately followed.

Contractors Between Fires.

Between the two fires are the contractors, who as a rule are affiliated with the unions as a matter of business necessity. These men and the owners of new buildings will suffer equally, with the building trades.

The public will suffer in the stoppage of the day of 100,000 men and the failure to complete some of the great public enterprises.

Three thousand five hundred men approximately were out of work on the original demand for unionization of the teamsters' trade as far as it served the subway. The demand was made there. Those locked out number 8,000 in 110 lumber yards and twenty brickyards in the city. The amount of lumber delivered in New York City was 3,000,000 feet a day until yesterday. To-day not a foot was delivered. The amount of brick delivered daily until to-day was 3,000,000. To-morrow not a brick, except for a few delayed orders, will reach the city.

Drivers Will Fight.

Michael Rogan, President of the Drivers' Union, to-day said: "The action to be taken in locking us out will react upon them. I do not think there is any doubt about our being successful. The building trades are in a scarcity of lumber in the market. There are half a dozen big concerns in the market who are not in the association. They are the Yellow Brick Company, the Board Company, the Carroll Box and Lumber Company, the East River Lumber Company, James D. Leary and others. In addition the lumber men of Jersey have been in a to-day taking orders from contractors."

In a statement issued from the Lumber Exchange it was said that the yards remaining open were controlled by one firm; that lumber dealers have not threatened to withhold their product from employers of union labor, but sought to protect their own employment from domination of labor leaders known as the United Board of Building Trades."

STRIKE LEADER MISSING.

Wife of Official of Marine Engineers' Union Fears He Has Been Kidnapped.

"I fear my husband has been kidnapped by some persons interested in the fight against the Marine Engineers' Benevolent Association, of which he was business agent," said Mrs. George A. Kolb to-day, in speaking of his disappearance.

Kolb has been missing since Monday, when he started from his home at No. 321 East Thirty-fifth street to go to Greenpoint, where he was to meet some non-union strike breakers. What happened to him after that cannot be learned.

There is no reason to think that Kolb disappeared of his own motion. While he handled the funds of the association, amounting to several thousands of dollars, they have been found intact, with all his accounts straight.

The police sent out an alarm for a man 6 feet 2 1/2 inches in height, with light complexion and hair, heavy sandy mustache, brown eyes and strong features. He wore when last seen a brown check suit and a gray-black overcoat. On his shirt were the initials "G. A. K." He carried an open-faced gold watch.

DENY KEENE IS ILL.

Magistrate's Brokers Say No to Wall Street Report.

It was reported in Wall street to-day that James R. Keene, the veteran stock manipulator, was very ill in his apartments at the Waldorf-Astoria.

At the office of Taylor & Co., Mr. Keene's firm, it was stated that the report was not true, and that Mr. Keene expected to attend the races.

Increase in English Trade.

May 7.—The April statement of the Board of Trade shows decrease of \$1,189,000 in imports and increase of \$1,189,000 in exports.

STOCKS LOST THE BULL TONE.

Trading Affected by London Influences Fell Off and Leaders in the Market Lost Some Early Gains.

SHIPBUILDING BONDS OFF.

The possibility of gold shipments to London to apply on the Transvaal loan, together with the uncertainty as to the position of the banks this week, made stock market traders cautious, and rather hesitantly inclined during the afternoon session. Stocks lost some of their early advances, though there were some specialties which made further gains.

London trading was slim, only 2,000 shares being sold on balance, and commission house dealings fell off in volume, leaving the market almost wholly professional.

United States Shipbuilding bonds were a weak feature in the afternoon trading, they dropping from 50 to 40 on talk of the street.

Missouri Pacific was bought in in large blocks by Butler & Co., but the favorable factors of better crop conditions and greatly increased earnings did not have their usual effect and the stock declined under heavy selling.

Wheeling and Lake Erie was marked up without any particular difficulty on very limited transactions. The earnings are good, and the decision of the preferred dividend is looked upon by many as a proximate possibility. Norfolk and Great Western was also firmer on the recent increases in gross earnings.

There was continued profit taking in the former to recede to below the previous close and the latter to lose 5-8.

The marked strength of Rock Island and San Francisco was also lost on the refusal of President Yoakum, of the latter road, to make any statement regarding the merger.

Amalgamated Copper, however, retained its gain of nearly a point on the advance in the price of the metal in London. The movement was undoubtedly manipulated by the Lewinsohn group, who were again heavy buyers, but there was a short interest of 15,000 shares, and the late dealings were made in the hope of shaking it out.

The special speculation in International Paper, based upon the renewal of contracts at more profitable rates, did not appear to have run its course, and the early gains were well maintained.

The buying of Southern Railway by specialists, on the report that the Standard Oil people have been buying heavily of it, was a feature.

The local traction remained dull and weak on lack of speculative interest, but the bond issues were firm, though quiet.

The Closing Quotations.

To-day's highest, lowest and closing prices and net changes from previous day are as follows:

Amalg. Copper 69 1/4, 68 3/4, 69 1/4, + 1/4

Am. Steel & Ref. 21 1/2, 21, 21 1/2, + 1/2

Am. Sugar 120 1/2, 120, 120 1/2, + 1/2

Atch. Top & S. F. 9 1/4, 9, 9 1/4, + 1/4

At. Top & S. F. 9 1/4, 9, 9 1/4, + 1/4

B. & O. 41 1/2, 41, 41 1/2, + 1/2

Bklyn Rapid Trans. 67 1/2, 67, 67 1/2, + 1/2

Canadian Pacific 122 1/2, 122, 122 1/2, + 1/2

Ches. & Del. 44 1/2, 44, 44 1/2, + 1/2

Chic. Great West 23 1/2, 23, 23 1/2, + 1/2

Chic. Mil. & St. P. 162 1/2, 162, 162 1/2, + 1/2

Col. Fuel & Iron 64 1/2, 64, 64 1/2, + 1/2

Den. & Rio Gr. 37 1/2, 37, 37 1/2, + 1/2

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Erie 1st pt. 35 1/2, 35, 35 1/2, + 1/2

Erie 2d pt. 58 1/2, 58, 58 1/2, + 1/2

Illinois Cent. 118 1/2, 118, 118 1/2, + 1/2

Louis. & Nash. 119 1/2, 119, 119 1/2, + 1/2

Mt. Securities 101 1/2, 101, 101 1/2, + 1/2

Nash. & W. 141 1/2, 141, 141 1/2, + 1/2

Met. St. R.R. 123 1/2, 123, 123 1/2, + 1/2

N. Y. Cent. 131 1/2, 131, 131 1/2, + 1/2

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Penn. 154 1/2, 154, 154 1/2, + 1/2

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Reading 1st pt. 53 1/2, 53, 53 1/2, + 1/2

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235 BROADWAY. ALARMING PURCHASE \$100,000 Clothing Stock Bought from the Assignee of MEYER, SIMPSON & CO., BOSTON. At 50c. on Dollar.

This valuable merchandise will be offered at one of the most remarkable low-price sales ever heard of. Stock consists of all up-to-date clothing made for the above well-known firm, established over 30 years, and making only the most fashionable up-to-date clothing.

Sale Commences Friday, May 8 at 9 A. M.

Men's Spring & Summer Suits.

Men's Fancy All-Wool and Worsted Suits, black, blue, stripe and plaid..... 10.00 Now 5.00

Men's Fine Worsted Suits, double and single breasted, stripe, plaid, black and navy blue; satin lined..... 15.00 Now 7.50

Men's Fine Imported Suits, worsted, cassimere, vicuna, plaid, stripe, black, pin check; all up to date; some satin lined..... 20.00 Now 10.00

Men's High-Grade Suits, tailor-made, hand finished collars; hair cloth fronts; none better; satin lined; all newest designs of the season; double and single breasted..... 25.00 Now 12.50

Men's Imported Serge Suits.

Men's Navy Blue Serge Suits, well tailored..... 10.00 Now 5.00

Men's English Serge Suits, double and single breasted, satin lined, warranted fast color..... 15.00 Now 7.50

Men's French Serge Suits, the finest tailored garments in America; all full satin lined, guaranteed color, double and single breasted..... 20.00 Now 10.00

15.00 Now 7.50 20.00 Imported Rain Coats..... 10.00 15.00 20.00

Men's Spring Top Coats, covert cloth, whipcord, satin lined..... 5.00, 7.50 & 10.00

Gents' Furnishings, Hats and Shoes at Less Than 60c. on the Dollar.

OPEN SATURDAYS UNTIL 10 P. M.

The Harris Store

235 BROADWAY, Opposite Post-Office.

SULLY KEEPS MAY COTTON JUMPING

Shorts, in a Tight Place, Quite Willing to Pay Any Price to Cover, and the Option Again Climbs Record Scale.

Cotton took another flight to-day, the May option eclipsing all records for the past two and a half years by touching 10.80 at the opening and then taking another leap to 10.85, the new record figure. July and August followed close in its wake, registering gains of six to eight points.

Realizing that their time for making good their deliveries is now almost at hand, the short interests made a wild attempt to cover at any price. The May position closed last night at 10.77, but the avalanche of buying orders from all sides of the Cotton Exchange caused it to ascend rapidly, gaining 9 points at a leap and adding 2 points more to its jump.

The weakness which has pervaded the late deliveries for the past week on the improved weather in the cotton belt was quickly lost sight of and a hardening tendency took possession of the entire market.

Believing that he would still have plenty of time in which to boost the prices of the nearby options before the end of the month, and in order to prevent a premature scramble for May holdings, Scully and the other members of the New England bull clique sold over 100,000 bales to the frantic shorts, thereby reducing the price of that delivery considerably. From 10.80, the record figure, it fell to 10.50, but later rallied to 10.52. July also dropped a point to 10.07, while the late positions were also decidedly weakened by this move.

In the final dealings the market was firm, the prices being: May, 10.85; July, 10.15; August, 9.77; October, 8.74; November, 8.60; and December, 8.40.

The transactions were about 350,000 bales. Spot cotton again touched 11 cents.

SHIP BUILDING BONDS SLUMP.

Price Cut in Two, from 80 to 40, on Talk of Underwriting Syndicate When Big Block Was Offered for Sale.

A remarkable decline in the price of United States Shipbuilding Bonds, which dropped from 80 to 40, caused a stir in Wall street to-day. An attempt was begun early in the day to find a market for a large block of about 30,000 of the bonds. This was the first large lot offered since the formation of the company, and they were offered at 80, but this price was cut 5 points at a time until they were offered at 60, when a prominent banking house bid 40 for the entire block.

A number of smaller transactions outside of the Exchange in the bonds were made at 41 1/2.

The weakness of the bonds was due to street talk about the underwriting syndicate of the company.

The underwriting syndicate of the Shipbuilding Corporation is the Trust Company of the Republic, the officials of which reiterated denials of everything said concerning the institution. The gains of the street have been busy for some time with the affairs of the concern, but 5 points at a time until they were offered at 60, when a prominent banking house bid 40 for the entire block.

President Nixon, of the United States Shipbuilding Company declared that that concern's affairs were in first-class shape.

One version given for to-day's slump was that one of the original members of the underwriting syndicate, who had paid cash for his bonds, was forced to realize on his holdings because of other commitments and had to take any price he could get.

Should both Mrs. Champney and her husband be drowned or die at the same time by accident, the will reads, "I direct that my estate be divided equally between our children."

ARTIST CHAMPNEY'S WILL.

James Wells Champney, the famous portrait painter who fell to death in an elevator shaft at No. 5 West Thirty-first street Saturday, drew his own will.

It was filed to-day with Probate Clerk Washburn.

Mr. Champney left his real estate and two life insurance policies to his wife, Elizabeth Williams Champney, named his personal estate to her for life. At her death everything is to be divided between the children, Edward, Edmund, Champney and Mrs. John Sandford Humphreys.

Should both Mrs. Champney and her husband be drowned or die at the same time by accident, the will reads, "I direct that my estate be divided equally between our children."

Meetings of both railways were held to-day.

ROCK ISLAND DEAL CLOSED.

Merger with the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Completed and Terms Quite Ready for the Public.

B. F. Yoakum, President of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad, was elected a director of the Rock Island and this afternoon.

This action clinches the merger of the two roads, and the announcement was made late to-day that an authoritative statement, giving the terms of the deal, would be made public probably to-morrow.



In made to order clothes a man can let his fancy run free.

He can say—cut this that way and cut that this way—just as he chooses.

But every tailor can't execute the task given him. We can—that's the difference between our custom tailoring and the ordinary sort.

Here's a fine dark gray homespun cloth, from which we'll cut a sack suit to your order—any way you say, for \$18. And guarantee the fit and quality.

Suits and overcoats to order from \$12 up.

We give the "Sperry & Hutchinson's" Green Trading Stamps to every purchaser in all our departments—Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Shoes.

Guarantee

CLOTHING COMPANY,

Uptown Corner 127th St. and 3d Ave.

Friday, May 8th.

Sale of Neckwear.

365 Dozen Summer Neckwear, all colors and shapes, 25c. each, value from 50c. to 85c.

50 Dozen Washable Japanese Silk Stocks, hand-hemstitched and drawn-work on ends. 50c. each, value \$1.25.

45 Dozen Irish Crochet Stocks, 58c. each, value \$1.00.

75 Neck Ruffs, in Liberty and net, at about Half Price.

Lord & Taylor,

23rd Street.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.

Ladies' Suit Dep't.

3rd Floor

Sale of Shirt Waist Dresses.

Made of Embroidered Batiste and Dotted Lawn, 9.00.

Foulard Silk, 13.50.

Taffetas Silk, 20.00.

Pongee Silk, 32.50 and 42.50.

Twenty-third Street.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.

Sale of Men's Cravats.

150 dozen Folded English Squares, made of handsome, imported silks. Colors include blues, browns, black and white, bottle green, blue and white, etc., in novelty weaves, and plain black in "basket" or crepe weaves. 65c. each. Value 1.50 to 2.00.

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Boldest Bargain Friday Values. Positively Unmatchable Money Savings on Thoroughly Desirable Merchandise.

Handsome Fancy Blouse Suits, at \$5.98

Fine all-wool Venetians, collarless blouse model; stole front, postillion back, large puff cuff, front of blouse and postillion trimmed with taffeta silk and small buttons. Seven-gore flare skirt over mercerized drop. Colors black, blue and castor, while they last; to-morrow, at..... 5.98

Misses' Suits at \$4.98

Latest blouse models, with full flare skirt, lined throughout, newest collarless style, nicely tailored; also Handsome Plaided Norfolk Suits; sizes 12 to 18; no such value ever offered before at..... 4.98

Women's Waists.

White Lawn Waists at a bargain price to-morrow. Full long-waisted model, with all-over embroidered front and shoulder plaits, puff sleeves, pointed stock and pleated back. Special lot for to-morrow at..... 59c

Women's Silk Monte Carlos.

Pure Taffeta Silk Monte Carlos, in box style, collarless model, with butterfly cape and stole front; reverse puff cuff; cape, cuffs, neck and toes trimmed with fancy silk braid, and finished with four silk ornaments; 25 inches long, sizes 34 to 44; to-morrow at..... 3.98

Handsome Trimmed Box Turbans, 98c.

Hats Trimmed Free of Charge—That's Another Economy Item in the Untrimmed Hat Store. Made of Jap straw in the popular box shape with the close fitting back. It is sewed on the patented "concealed stitch" machine, and trimmed with black velvet, straw cabochons and the jaunty military brush. A clever up-to-date ready-to-wear turban. Worth \$1.69, here—and here only, at..... 98c

Trimmed Hats—2d Floor Annex.

Flower, foliage, lace and fruit effects in all the best shapes. Never a hat so handsome at anywhere near this price before. 4.98

Boys' \$2 Double-Breasted Suits at 98c.

An entire suit for less than the worth of the fabric alone, and they ought to go in a jiffy at this price. Double-breasted style, excellent chevrot fabrics in about 30 patterns, popular up-to-date mixtures; made extra strong; sewed throughout with double twist thread; heavy wide French facings and iron yarn lining; no question but they are elegant. \$2.00 values; sizes 7 to 15; at..... 98c

Boys' 3-Piece Suits at \$1.89.

Made in mannish style, with four-button sack coat, cut in round-cornered style; high cut vest; new shaped lapels. Woolen chevrots in a broad assortment of attractive mixtures in light and dark colorings; well made and trimmed; double warp Italian linings; double stitched throughout; sizes 7 to 15; \$3.00 values at..... 1.89

Infants' Wear, Undermuslins & Gorsets.

Infants' Long Cambric Slips, gathered at neck, finished with embroidery, 25c. values, at..... 19c

Drawers, fine muslin, umbrella ruffles, insertings of Torchon lace and deep lace ruffles, 49c. value, at..... 39c

Gowns, full size, heavy muslin, in V-shape and high neck, insertings of Torchon lace and embroidery, 69c. value, at..... 49c